

I would like to voice my concern about this proposed merger between Huges and Echostar.

This merger will monopolize the satellite industry. Consumers will be the one paying for the cost of this merger. The porposed advantages of this merger are trivial and should not be a factor in

granting them the right to merge as one. There are many disadvantages to this merger. One of which is eliminating competition.

They can dictate the price of their services. Allowing this merger is a drawback to the technology. Instead of moving forward it will

hinder the advancement of new satellite technologies. I remember when the prices of satellite services is in thousands of dollars just to obtain equipment.

And that is what this merger will do since there is no competition they have the power to dictate the price of their service.

Broadband service is currently offered by DirectTV, why can't Dish Network offer the same and provide competition. Cable Broadband is not available in many areas. And one solution is satellite broadband.

This will not only give Rural America access to internet resources but also provide competition and motivation for Cable providers to infiltrate this markets and provide competition. Currently there are also areas in major cities that do not get DSL or Cable internet access. It seems like neither phone companies or cable providers are not worried about this market. Satellite broadband service is the current solution.

Satellite Broadband service is not cheap. I can understand because it is in its initial stages.

But allowing this merger will just drive the price higher or stay where it is at because nobody else can touch them. It is a proposed Monopoly.